

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10270

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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CARR, APER, (PERTERSON, MARTHA)  
SUBJECT: EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER DETAINED AS SPY

1. EMBASSY'S VICE CONSUL MARTHA PETERSON WAS ARRESTED AT 1107 PM JULY 15 ON MOSCOW KRASNOLUZHSKY BRIDGE ALLEGEDLY WITH ESPIONAGE MATERIALS. SHE WAS BROUGHT TO KGB INTERROGATION CENTER AT 24 KUZNETSKY MOST STREET. CONSULAR COUNSELOR WAS NOTIFIED AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT AND SUMMONED TO INTERROGATION.

2. WITH 20-25 OFFICIALS PRESENT AND SEVERAL FLASH CAMERAS AND VIDEOTAPES IN OPERATION INTERROGATOR SHOWED KGB PHOTOS OF MRS. PETERSON WITH RADIO TRANSMITTER ON HER BODY. HE THEN DESCRIBED MONEY, JEWELRY AND ESPIONAGE MATERIALS THAT HAD BEEN CONCEALED IN A BLOCK OF ASPHALT WHICH MRS. PETERSON HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN DEPOSITING ON BRIDGE AND WERE NOW LAID OUT ON TABLE.

3. MRS. PETERSON REFUSED TO RESPOND TO INTERROGATION OR TO SIGN PROTOCOL. CONSULAR COUNSELOR IDENTIFIED HER AS CONSULAR OFFICER BUT ALSO REFUSED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS OR SIGN PROTOCOL THEY WERE PERMITTED TO LEAVE AT ABOUT 2:00 A.M. JULY 16.

4. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.  
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